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Deck Hand For His Health.
"That man can speak more languages
correctly than you can count on the
fingers of one hand," said a railroad
official, pointing to a deck hand on a
North river ferryboat.

"He translated the European corre-
spondence of a large importing house
until his health gave way from the
confinement. We live in the same
town, and one evening he came to me
and asked for a job as deck hand."

"I have to have an outdoor job," he
said, "or you'll be a pallbearer at my
funeral."

"I tried to find something that would
pay better, but there was nothing that
would give him as much good air, and
he got the job. Now that his health
is restored he is loath to give it up.

He had saved some money, and he
pieces out his income by doing translat-
ing at home, so he gets on pretty well.
"Yes, you'll easily find several score
of men on North river ferryboats who
are working as deck hands for their
health. The deck of one of these big
boats is a sanitarium, to say nothing
of the grave."—New York Times.

The Chinese Love For the Zigzag.
The straight line is an abomination
to the Chinese. They endeavor to
avoid it in their streets and buildings
and have banished it completely where
country field paths are concerned.
They will always substitute a curve
whenever possible, or they will turn it
into a zigzag.

In districts not subject to the influ-
ence of the foreigner the houses and
temples are characterized by curved,
often peaked, roofs, ornamented with
fanciful modifications of the "zigzag"
stroke pattern. The inhabitants of
these regions are soon found to have a
mental world to correspond. The
straight line is scouted. They think in
curves and zigzags. To the Chinese
mind the straight line is suggestive of
death and demons. It belongs not to
the heaven above or to the earth be-
neath. In a true horizon line are seen
the "undulations of the dragon." There-
fore, argue the Chinese, the straight
line pertains to hades.—Contemporary
Review.

Watches Slower at Night.
"You know that the vital energies are
at lower ebb at night than in the day-
time," said an old watchmaker. "Would
you believe that some watches—espe-
cially the cheaper ones—are similarly
affected?"

"You know a good watchmaker al-
ways wants several days in which to
regulate a timepiece. That is because
the only way to regulate it properly is
to compare it with a chronometer at
the same hour every day. Otherwise
the variations in the speed of the watch
will baffle his efforts.

"The man to whom I was apprenticed
told me this, and I thought the idea ab-
surd. We were working late one night
and he called my attention to a lot of
watches that were regulated and ready
to deliver. It was near midnight, and
every watch was slow. The better
timepieces had lagged behind some sec-
onds. The cheaper watches were a
minute or more out of the way. Next
morning every one of the lot was ex-
actly right.

"The fact is you can regulate a watch
to make exactly twenty-four hours a
day, but you can't persuade it to make
just sixty minutes in each of the twenty-
four hours. Why this is no one can
tell."—New York Times.

One hundred dollars' worth of butter
bears off from the soil less of its val-
uable elements than 5 cents' worth of
hay.

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REPAIRING ON SHORT NOTICE.
Having no rent to pay this is the
cheapest place in the county
to trade. — Jy31-1m

She Struck Too.
O'Toole—Muldoo struck his wife
yesterday.
McKee—Is he in jail?
O'Toole—Now, he's in th' hospital—
Baltimore American.

Provoking.
"Yes, dear, he caught me in his
arms."
"How shocking!"
"And was just going to kiss me!"
"How awfully horrid!"
"When ma came in the room."
"Oh, how provoking!"

A Little Glutton.
Papa—Tommy, you mustn't eat so
much. Everybody will be calling you a
little "glutton." Do you know what
that is?
Tommy—I suppose it's a big glutton's
little boy.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Which Was His Wife?
A certain Turk, according to rumor,
was once married to a veiled lady in
white in the presence of the sultan. As
soon as the ceremony was concluded
the bride mysteriously disappeared.
The groom was led into an adjoining
room, where stood twelve ladies all
dressed in white, but without veils.
"Choose from the twelve," exclaimed
the sovereign, "her that is your bride."
As the man had never seen her face the
command bewildered him. "If you
make a mistake," added his majesty,
"your life shall pay the forfeit." The
poor man walked up and down the row
of beauties, but saw nothing whatever
to aid his choice. "You have but a
minute left," yelled the sultan in anger;
"choose at once." Ten of the ladies, he
noticed, gave him nothing else than a
stony stare. One of them frowned, the
other smiled. "The frowning one," he
thought, "is my bride, for she express-
es her displeasure and impatience at
my ignorance. 'No,' he said to him-
self, "it must be the smiling one, for
she desires to invite me to her." After
debating the subject in his mind until
his time was up he boldly made a se-
lection from the two. He was success-
ful. He had regained his bride. Which
was she, the one who frowned or the
one who smiled?

The Vault of St. Michael's.
The most interesting place of pilgrim-
age in Dublin is St. Michael's church,
where the organ is still to be seen upon
which Handel is said to have composed
his "Messiah." In the graveyard is the
last resting place of Robert Emmet,
and the vault of St. Michael's provides
a more gruesome thrill than the
morgue. The sexton lifts an iron door
and descends a few rude steps, carry-
ing a light, without which the place
would be pitch dark. You follow and
find yourself in a narrow passage, from
which cell-like recesses belonging to
different families branch off. Whether
it is owing to the extreme dryness of
the surroundings or to some mysterious
property of the place, the process of de-
cay has been arrested, and the features
of persons dead for two centuries may
be recognized from authentic portraits.
Perhaps the strangest thing about the
vault is the fact that, apart from the
weird sensation, there is nothing offen-
sive in the surroundings.—London Tat-
ler.

A Thrifty Bride.
"It's a pity," said the man in the
rough brown suit, "that Johnson mar-
ried at the very beginning of his busi-
ness career. I am afraid that young
wife of his, with her love for pretty
clothes, will be a millstone around his
neck."

"Don't you believe it. She'll make
him president of a bank one of these
days," said the man in the new derby,
who had been spending the week end
at the small suburban home of the
aforementioned Johnson. "Every towel
and napkin I saw in the house had the
name of some hotel stamped on it, and
so did the spoons, by Jove! She had
gathered them up on their wedding
journey."—New York Press.

The Democratic Apple.
A southern editor says this in praise
of the apple: "The apple is the most
democratic of all fruits. The pome-
granate is priestly, the grape is royal,
the orange is luxurious, the peach and
pear are plutocratic, but the apple be-
longs to the populace. It is symbolic
of the country store and the corner gro-
cery. It breathes the free spirit of the
American township and village. It has
a flavor of old New England and yet
a pungency as of the south and middle
west. It is mild, palatable,
nourishing and promotive of good fel-
lowship and long life."

Interesting Norwegian Custom.
Men attending state balls in Norway
are not left in doubt as to whether or
not the women can be counted on for
dancing. The custom of the court de-
crees that those women who intend to
dance shall wear white, while those
not desiring to trip the light fantastic
toe shall appear in black. It is an
idea which American men would like
to see adopted.

A Hard Problem.
A certain debating society is discuss-
ing the question as to which is the an-
grier—the husband who goes home and
finds that the dinner is not ready or
the wife who has dinner ready and
whose husband does not come home.
It is believed that the debate will end
in a draw.

Woman and Her Books.
It is the book a woman marks that is
the only true index to her character.
This conclusion has been arrived at
after a long and persistent study of the
sex. A woman never marks a book
openly, as a man does, with a flourish of
marginal notes and references convey-
ing the impression that he is conversant
with other books besides this one. He
who has a pencil always handy will
think nothing of using it on any and
all occasions. It is like entering the
holy of holies to read books that some
women have marked. It is a violent
rending asunder of the veil which she
hangs before the door of her heart.
The marks with which a woman scores
her favorite passages at eighteen will
be effaced at twenty, and she must have
changed but little to leave those of
twenty uneffaced at twenty-five.—New
York World.

Power of the United States Senate.
The senate is today the most power-
ful single chamber in any legislative
body in the world, but this power,
which is shown daily by the wide at-
tention to all that is said and done in
the senate of the United States, is not
the product of selfish and cunning usur-
pations on the part of an ambitious
body. It is due to the original constitu-
tion of the senate, to the fact that the
senate represents states, to the powers
conferred upon it at the outset by
the makers of the constitution, to its
permanence of organization and to the
combination of legislative, executive
and judicial functions which sets it
apart from all other legislative bodies.
Without the assent of the senate no
bill can become law, no office can be
filled, no treaty ratified.—Henry Cabot
Lodge in Scribner's.

A Business Precaution.
A caller at the boarding house of
Mrs. Irons was surprised to see a fine
greyhound basking in the sun outside
the kitchen door. "I didn't know you
had a dog," she said. "He's a beauti-
ful animal. How long have you had
him?"
"Two or three years."
"How does it happen I have never
seen him in passing along here?"
"We don't allow him to leave the
back yard," replied Mrs. Irons, with
emphasis. "What kind of an adver-
tisement would it be for a boarding
house to have a creature as lean as
that dog is standing round in front
of it?"

Gorki's Offhand Autobiography.
Maxime Gorki, the Russian novelist,
was requested by his publisher to write
his own biography. Taking up a pen,
he wrote the following:
1873—I became an apprentice to a
shoemaker.
1879—I entered a draftsman's office
as apprentice.
1880—Kitchen boy on board a packet
boat.
1884—I became a street porter.
1885—Baker.
1889—Chorister in a traveling opera
company.
1887—I sold apples in the streets.
1888—I attempted suicide.
1890—A lawyer's copying clerk.
1891—I made the tour of Russia on
foot.
1892—I worked in a railway shop. In
the same year I published my first
story.

The Willy Quaker.
A Quaker had his house broken into
by a burglar and several valuables
stolen. He did not inform the police,
however, but kept the affair to him-
self.
The following evening a neighbor re-
marked to him: "I am sorry to hear of
your house being robbed, Mr. Fry. I
hope your loss is not heavy?"
"Friend," said the Quaker, "thou
must know the extent of my loss as
well as I can do since thou art the
burglar. I spoke not to a soul of what
had happened, and thou art the first
to mention it to me; hence I know
thou art the burglar and wilt trouble
thee for my property." He got it.

Getting Rid of the Acid.
An exploring expedition in a remote
part of China had a queer experience,
which one of the party thus relates: "A
large bottle of carbolio acid had been
broken inside its wooden case. We ex-
hausted our ingenuity in hopeless ef-
fort to unscrew the cover. We feared
to carry it farther, as the burning tears
distilled by it destroyed everything
they touched. We dared not throw it
aside lest the unsophisticated heathen
should drink it as a cheering or me-
dical beverage. We had no time to
wait and empty it, as the fatal fluid
would only trickle drop by drop through
a chink which had been cautiously
and laboriously excavated with a blunt
hunting knife. What were we to do?
Degrading as the confession must ap-
pear, we had to deposit the torpedo in
the middle of the yard and throw
bricks at it until it was smashed."

Opals of Various Degrees.
There are several varieties of opals
and therefore several degrees of merit.
The precious or noble or oriental opal
is the supreme. This has all the col-
ors, and when these colors are broken
into spangles it is then called the
harlequin opal. Then comes the fire
opal, or girasole, with hyacinth red
and yellow reflection. The former
comes from Hungary and the latter
from Mexico. The common, or semi-
opals, are nonpareils. The hydro-
phane, or oculus mundi, is nontrans-
parent, but becomes so by immersion
in water or any transparent fluid. The
cachalot is nearly opaque and of a
bluish white color. The hyaline is
colorless, pellucid and white. The opal
jasper, or wood opal, is the petrification
of wood, opalescent, but without the
coloring which makes the "noble" gem
so precious.

Japanese Pastimes.
In Japan to get up parties to behold
the freshly fallen snow or the cherry
blossoms or the maple trees in their
autumnal glory or to go to the flower
shows is as de rigueur as our din-
ners, cotillions and theater parties.
Mushroom hunting is a fashionable
pastime, while in the house harp play-
ing, verse writing, embroidery and
tea drinking are the most absorbing
occupations. The most pretentious en-
tertainment is the tea ceremony. It is
very formal, and there is much elab-
orate performance connected with it
difficult for a foreigner to comprehend.
—Good Housekeeping.

Gum Chewing.
"To chew gum for five or ten min-
utes after a meal is absolutely bene-
ficial," said a physician, "especially for
hasty eaters, who do not half masti-
cate their food, because the action of
the jaws causes the gastric juices to
flow, and that is good. But so few
people can use and not abuse it. They
get the gum in their mouths and keep
at it till they fairly dry up the saliva
supply, bring on a headache and get
generally nervous. This will cause in-
digestion."

Wonderful Bird Flight.
The most wonderful bird flight noted
is the migratory achievement of the
Virginia plover, which leaves the north-
eastern United States in November, fol-
lowing a course down the Atlantic, usually
from 400 to 500 miles east of the Ber-
mudas, reaches the coast of Brazil in
an unbroken flight of fifteen hours,
covering a distance of 3,200 miles at the
rate of four miles a minute.

Getting Back.
"Gee, no!" exclaimed the pretty cash
girl. "I don't want nothin' to do with
you. I wouldn't marry you if you was
the last man on earth. Is that plain
enough English for you?"
"It is certainly plain enough," said
the mortified bookkeeper, "but it isn't
English."—Chicago Tribune.

A Contrast.
A light supper, a good night's sleep
and a fine morning have often made a
hero of the same man who by indiges-
tion, a restless night and a rainy morn-
ing would have proved a coward.—
Chesterfield.

An Explanation.
Schoolmistress—Johnnie, who was it
that prompted you then? I heard some
one whisper that date to you.
Johnnie—Please, ma'am, I expect it
was history repeatin' itself agin.

A Back Number.
Deferential Barber—Where do you
part your hair, sir?
Bald Headed and Irritable Customer
—I parted with it twenty-seven years
ago.—Chicago Tribune.

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Cat Street Warnings.
In oriental countries the recklessness
of drivers of vehicles and their disre-
gard for foot passengers are very mark-
ed. In Cairo they have a series of
curious cries with which they warn a
footman. They specify the particular
part of his anatomy which is in dan-
ger, as thus: "Look out for thy left
leg, O uncle." "Boy, have a care for
the little toe on thy right foot." "O
blind beggar, look out for thy staff."
And the blind beggar, feeling his way
with the staff in his right hand, at once
obediently turns to the left. "O Frank-
ish woman, look out for thy left foot."
"O burden bearer, thy load is in dan-
ger." "O water carrier, look out for
the tail end of thy pigskin water bot-
tle."

How the Gorilla Walks.
The gorilla has not only a crouching
habit, but he walks on all four of his
legs and has the motion of most quad-
rupeds, using his right arm and left
leg at the same time, and alternates
with the left arm and right leg. It is
not exactly a walk or a trot, but a
kind of ambling gait, while the chimpan-
zee uses his arms as crutches, but
lifts one foot from the ground a little
in advance of the other. He does not
place the palm of the hand on the
ground, but uses the back of the fin-
gers from the second joint.

An Anachronism.
An American lady visited Stratford-
on-Avon lately and "gushed" even
above the usual high water mark of
American fervor. She had not recover-
ed from the attack when she reached
the railway station, for she remarked
to a friend as they walked on to the
platform, "And to think that it was
from this very platform the immortal
bard would depart whenever he jour-
neyed to London!"

Dances Sold by Auction.
A custom that has existed for several
centuries is still maintained in some
towns on the lower Rhine. Early in
the year, on auction day, the town clerk
or clerk calls all the young people to-
gether and to the highest bidder sells
the privilege of dancing with the cho-
sen girl, and her only, during the entire
year that follows. The fees flow into
the public poor box.

Careless.
Jackson Trays—My wife found a half
dozen poker chips in my pocket this
morning.
Severn Supp—Whew! What did she
say?
Jackson Trays—Lectured me on my
carelessness in not having cashed them
in.—Catholic Standard and Times.

Just the Sight of Him.
Fan—Reggie has been engaged to
any number of girls, but he always
gets out of it.
Flo—How?
Fan—Oh, he merely goes and asks
the father's consent, and that settles
it.

A Late Repentance.
"Madam," said the leader of the
brigands, "we'll have to hold you until
your husband ransoms you."
"Alas!" replied the woman. "I wish
I'd treated him a little better!"—New
Yorker.

Shooting Crocodiles by Lamplight.
In the West Indian crocodiles are
often shot at night. The hunter, with a
lantern, sits in a canoe in one of the
creeks which the crocodiles infest. The
crocodiles are attracted by the light
and swim toward the canoe. Their eyes
shine out in the darkness and form
good targets for the hunter's bullets.
Sometimes a dozen crocodiles are shot
in a night.

Poetry.
"Are you fond of poetry?" asked the
young man with curly hair.
"Yes," answered Miss Cayenne; "po-
etry has done a great deal to make life
easier. It gives people an opportunity
to use quotations instead of being origi-
nal and tiresome."—Exchange.

An Economical Wife.
He—I can't send my clothes to the
tailor's every time they need a button.
We must economize. Can't you sew
on these suspender buttons yourself?
She—Here, my dear; fasten them up
with a hairpin. That will save thread,
you know.

Formal Indeed.
She—The government's legislators
seem to be formal men.
He—How's that?
She—Why, they will never notice a
bill until it has been introduced.—New
York Times.

What The Earth Produces.
The earth has nourished us through un-
known ages of human existence. Is it not
true that the earth supplies us with every-
thing that we really require for existence?
Have you ever thought that it is probable
that the earth supplies us with the means
to keep our bodily vigor, our health, if we
only knew it? The animals know by in-
stinct what is good for them and will search
until they find in some plant what they
need for correcting indigestion or constipa-
tion, etc. Is it, therefore, not possible that
there are roots and herbs supplied by nature
which will cure the diseases that afflict
human kind? That is why Dr. Pierce,
of Buffalo, N. Y., has such faith in his "Medi-
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in general and active practice, he found
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and nutrition and enabling the perfect di-
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BRIEF LOCAL NEWS
OF THE WEEK

Short News Items of Interest to the Ledger Readers.—Fred Tabaud is Still Unable to Speak.

For a good potato try Caminetti's arbanks.

Pioneer Flour is the "Lily of the valley," the "Pearl of Perfection." Last opportunity to save money before Christmas. Go to the Red Front. C. Boro has retired from the barbering adjoining the Gen saloon, which has been conducting for several months past.

Chicken ravioli dinner on Sunday, and for supper if ordered, at the Union house. Hot tamales every day next week.

A most serviceable holiday present is Singer sewing machine. May be had on easy terms of W. H. Wonderley, rent, Sutter Creek.

C. W. Schacht, Dentist, Webb building. Hours—9 to 12 a. m.; 1 to 5 p. m. Mondays 9 to 12 a. m.; 1 to 4 p. m.

The cases of diphtheria at Bunker Hill, which we mentioned last week, have both been released from quarantine.

The biggest values ever offered to the people of Amador county can be had at the New White House. We are for business. Buy and sell for cash.

We have just received a new line of men's dress shoes. Don't fail to see them. Jackson Shoe Store.

John Chinn has hung out a new and attractive bulletin board in front of his music hall, the artistic work of J. Ortmer, the sign painter.

Henry Schrader, the merchant of eta, and one of the stand-bys of that org, was in Jackson Monday. He is here on tax business.

C. Dalporto won the first prize at the shooting gallery last week, with a score of 29. The gallery closed this week, having been in Jackson for two months, it is apparently a highly profitable business during the entire time.

The Kingsbury is the best hand-made at on earth. All the latest styles at Jackson Shoe Store.

The shooting gallery moved to Sutter Creek last Tuesday, after a very successful run of two months in Jackson. The proprietor expects to remain in Sutter Creek for one month.

John Hoskins last Saturday let a contract for the erection of a five-roomed dwelling house, to be built on the right addition, opposite Picardo's.

Ratto was awarded the contract. The building will cost about \$800.

W. H. Wonderley of Sutter Creek, is the only agent of the standard Singer sewing machine in the county. If you want a machine, it is economy to buy the best. Attachments for the Singer and other machines may be had from him.

The proceeds of the sale of the effects of E. Anderson, former proprietor of a Globe hotel, after paying the costs sale, etc., left a balance sufficient to clear a dividend to the preferred editors only of ten cents on the dollar. The general creditors get nil.

The Placerville Nugget says the American River Electric Company recently received a consignment of machinery from the east by Wells, Fargo Co., the express charges on which are \$1395. The weight was 1492 pounds.

The Odd Fellows have failed to secure a lease of the old McMillan photograph gallery, over Eudey & Marre's butcher shop. They intended to make into a banquet room in connection with their hall. The arrangement has been through, we understand, on account of being unable to secure the premises for a term of years.

W. S. Weymouth of Drytown, has been appointed superintendent of the pomodoro mine in Siskiyou county.

D. Brown, formerly of Sutter Creek, a foramen. He has been there two months, and is so well satisfied there that he has sent for his family. Mrs. Brown expects to leave Sutter Creek tomorrow to join her husband in the northern county. The Commodore is gold quartz mine, situated four miles from Walker, the nearest post office.

Fred Tabaud, who was so dangerously injured about three weeks ago by being kicked by a mule, near Mountain Springs, was removed from Mountain Springs to Jackson last Monday.

He stood the trip all right, riding in a buggy, and sitting up all the way. He is now at the residence of his mother in Summit street. He is still unable to talk, but appears to recognize persons, and also to understand what is said to him, but cannot respond in any way except a nod of the head. The jury to the brain over the left eye has affected the right hand, partially paralyzing it. He cannot hold a pen or pencil to write. He can take hold, it is unable to follow this up with the necessary motions to write. It is a singular case, but the physicians are hopeful of a recovery.

Fred L. Stewart was in Jackson Saturday with his client, W. A. Bennetts, to be present at the hearing of the contest for letters of administration of the estate of Frank Frates.

Frank E. Frates, aged 19, the oldest of the heirs of deceased, was also here, and his aunt, Laura K. Mullen, who is likewise interested in the estate as a claimant for guardianship of the minor heirs. The contest is really a struggle for control of the estate between the public administrator, who has no personal interest in the estate other than in his official capacity, and the relatives who are vitally concerned in the matter. Frank E. Frates lacks year or two of being of legal age. He therefore disqualifies from acting as administrator of his father's estate himself. W. A. Bennetts has been appointed his guardian, and as such asks for letters. The point is, who shall have the preference. The matter is largely within the sound discretion of the court.

SITUATION AT SOUTH EUREKA.

Strike Unsettled, and Nothing Doing Except Keeping Water Out.

The labor trouble at the South Eureka remains about the same. After the refusal of the superintendent to accede to the terms proposed by the miners' union representative—namely, that work would be resumed if the company would thereafter treat through the union—the skip-tender and one of the engineers were called out. These were members of the Western Federation, and made the tie-up complete as far as that organization is concerned. There were three engineers employed, two of them belonging to the American Federation. These remained at their posts, and are still at work keeping the water out. They are all-sufficient for this purpose. The foreman of the mine, R. Mounter, has been doing duty as skip-tender to tide over the difficulty. The company is making no particular effort to resume operations. The outlook is not such as to justify any struggle in resuming work. The stockholders are indifferent whether it runs or closes down for good. There is no doubt, however, that in the absence of any trouble with the men, the property would have been kept going for some time, prospecting at the 2200 level in the hope of encountering pay ore. The principal object in keeping the water down is to secure the Central Eureka, as the drainage facilities of the latter mine are inadequate to control the water from both properties.

PLYMOUTH.

PLYMOUTH, Dec. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Potter, who have been visiting here with relatives for the past week, took their departure this morning for the east. Their nephew, H. E. Potter, will accompany them as far as San Francisco.

J. Freestone returned last week from an extended visit below, and it seems quite natural to see Josh around the Forest House again.

Harry Coster went to the mountains this week for a brief stay.

Mrs. Jasper Phillips, who has been visiting in Sacramento for the past month, returned home last week.

Miss Mae Levaggi, accompanied by her brother Julian, went to San Francisco Wednesday.

At the residence of Mr. Blower, a surprise party was given Miss Alice Wilson, it being her sixteenth birthday.

Miss M. Spears, of the Bay State mine, was the guest of Miss Maggie Slavich for a few days of last week.

Miss Mariam Owens, who has been employed at the Nonpareil, Sacramento, for some time, came up last week to visit relatives.

Miss Tillie Drew, accompanied by J. Hight, attended the dance given in Oleta last Friday evening, and reported having had a fine time.

Last week Jim O'Toole, who was employed at the Sandpile mine, near Forest Home, was severely hurt. He was standing by a post near the track when several men, not seeing him there, pushed a car heavily loaded by him, catching him between the car and the post, breaking an arm and injuring him internally. He is under the skillful care of Dr. E. V. Tiffany.

While Mrs. A. L. Waite was passing through Miss Tillie Drew's yard on her way from the livery stable last Friday, a dog belonging to Maria Chilton leaped from the adjoining yard over the fence, and sprang at Mrs. Waite. She threw up her arm to save her face, and the dog caught her arm, making a very large laceration in it, then again made another spring for her throat.

This time she threw the buggy robe, which she was carrying, over the dog, thus frightening it away before he had reached her. Her arm is very sore.

Last night a show was given in town, illustrating Alaba or the Forty Thieves, lion and bull fight, as well as other moving pictures, by the Edison keniscope. They will show in town again to-night. Quite a number assembled, and thought the show quite good.

MOVING PICTURES.

J. E. Funk's moving-picture show will take place tonight and tomorrow night, Friday and Saturday, at Jackson opera house, Jackson. The following is one of the many favorable press notices it has received:

"The moving-picture show given by J. E. Funk at the Maywood opera house Nov. 7th, was the best entertainment of its class ever given in Corning, and while it drew a good sized audience, its merits warranted a better audience."

The five scenes of Alaba, or the Forty Thieves, the lion and bull fight, the water vessels gliding through the water in attacking forts, gunners firing big guns, with many other views, including comical representations, were all entertaining and instructive.—Corning New Era.

SOLD OUT.

Henry Weil last Monday completed the sale of his dry goods business. The purchaser is M. H. McGarry, of Calaveras county, who has been a prominent cattle man in that county for years. We understand that Mr. McGarry will move to Jackson in the near future to look after his interests. He has engaged E. Tadien to manage the business. The sale does not include the furniture and carpet stock, and not all of the fixtures. It is reported that H. Weil will likely continue running the furniture business, using the large basement, formerly the Louvre restaurant, for a warehouse. The value of the stock disposed of to the new proprietor was about \$3800.

Ladies' good kid shoes from 50c to \$1.50 per pair. Jackson Shoe Store.

Harry Saunders, who was George Bonnofo's guest for the past week, returned to Sacramento Tuesday.

Olives, salami, swiss, limburger Martin's cream and California cheese at Caminetti's Mkt.

Fred S. Fisher, who has been in charge of the ranch of W. F. Dotert near Plymouth for a number of years, died there on Monday last. He had been sick for a long time, with a complication of diseases, including consumption. He was highly respected by all who knew him, as a man of integrity and reliability in every way.

Additional Locals.

Frozen oysters, 50c per can, at Caminetti's market.

Give us daily some good bread. Pioneer Flour makes the best.

A 15 days' sale will commence next Monday, Dec. 7th, at the Red Front.

Lemons, oranges, and bananas constantly on hand at Caminetti's Mkt.

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A case of scarlet fever was quarantined in Middle Fork school district this week.

A general massacre of innocent merchandise will commence on Monday, Dec. 7th, at the Red Front.

W. J. McGee will return home this evening, and is expected to be in his office in Jackson tomorrow.

Our new line of misses' and children's shoes are strictly up-to-date and guaranteed to wear. Jackson Shoe Store.

See our new line of felt goods. Just the thing for Christmas. Jackson Shoe Store.

J. G. Garbarini left the first part of last week to repair the bridge at West Point, and on Monday began work for Mr. Prindle of Mokelumne Hill, on the reservoir at Railroad Flat.

Paul Sambrillo had the middle finger of his right hand broken by a misdirected blow, while working in the Gwin a few days ago. He is under treatment in Jackson.

A notice has been posted up outside the union hall that a strike is on at Hodson, in Calaveras county. This refers to the shut-down at the Royal mine, employing over 200 men.

Raymond Day, who is interested in the Wideawake mine in Calaveras county, was in Jackson Wednesday.

He came out from Corry, Pennsylvania, about two months ago, on business relating to this mining property.

Lost, between the Union House and Thomas' butcher shop, a gold pin, emblem of the Companion of the Forest. The finder will please return same to Union House.

Nabisco means nobby and sweet cookies and crackers. No meal complete without them. I carry a fresh stock. Phone for a trial package. P. Cassinelli.

James Connelly was examined for insanity before the superior court on Monday. It was decided to allow him to remain in the hospital for a few days, and see if there is any change in his mental condition by that time.

A miner named H. C. Summer, while working in the Onoda mine last Tuesday, was struck on the left leg by a rock, fracturing both bones. The break will lay him up for a couple of months at least.

Miss Esther Breese resumed her position as teacher in the Jackson school last Monday after an absence of one month on account of sickness. Her sister, Mrs. Lottie Duden, taught her class in her absence.

The advertisement of the California Nursery Co., will be found in another column. This is unquestionably the largest and most reliable nursery in the state. Its reputation for reliability of stock and fair-dealing is known over the entire Pacific coast.

A change has been made in the management of the White House, and under the new firm is now called the "New White House." \$9000 worth of good merchandise will be slaughtered at 50c on the dollar, beginning December 12th.

Champagne Wafers in dainty packages or in bulk. Just the thing to serve with ice cream. Call for them at P. Cassinelli's.

Letters have been received from Geo. I. Wright from Pennsylvania, who went east recently on business concerning the Del Monte mine, stating that he is meeting with gratifying success, and there is little doubt that he will be able to accomplish the object of his trip east.

The first instalment of state and county taxes became delinquent last Monday. The tax-collector reports that taxes have been fairly well paid up. Up to Saturday night the collections amounted to something over \$50,000, and in the neighborhood of \$10,000 has been paid since. The delinquent list so far is not much, if anything, in excess of the average.

Oliver Clark was struck on the right side of the head by a falling rock while working in the Kennedy mine Tuesday morning. The rock was a large one, but fortunately he was standing on the car at the time, and was therefore close to the rock when it started to fall, otherwise the injury would have been much more serious. As it was it made an ugly gash in the scalp, which required a doctor's attention. He was disabled from work only for a day or two.

A letter was received from Mrs. W. C. Johns, who is in San Francisco waiting upon her husband, who is in the hospital under treatment for a badly crushed hand, the result of injuries by a rock in the Zeils mine, three weeks ago. It stated the small finger of the hand had been amputated, and the third finger would perhaps be disabled. A report was current here that the hand would have to be amputated, but this happily proved incorrect. It will take some time before he is able to get around again, but hopes are entertained that the use of the hand will be saved in a great measure.

The board of supervisors will meet in regular session next Monday. In face of the recommendations of the grand jury, some curiosity is manifested by a number of citizens to know just what action will be taken in regard thereto. It is not to be thought of that the recommendations will be ignored. It is quite possible that some of the methods which have been taboed by the grand jury—for instance, the manner of putting in the road bills—will be adhered to at the next meeting, inasmuch as the time perhaps has been too limited to make the change. But thereafter it is unthinkable that an attempt will be made to retain that system.

THAT DEER ITEM.

The deer people get an experience how trifles are sometimes magnified into mountains to suit whimsical notions. The deer law is interpreted to mean a deer law.

The Ledger of last week created a stir among the ranks of those who seem to imagine that laws are intended for the medium of the gratification of personal whims, rather than the safeguards of individual and public rights. An item appeared, acknowledging the receipt of a mess of venison, and the item unwittingly stated that the deer was killed "last week" in the neighborhood of Ham's station. The editor of the Ledger is not in the hunting business. He does not charge his mind with the date upon which the close season for deer or any other game begins or ends. He might have posted himself by looking at the game law book right in front of him. He didn't do so, and thereon hangs a tale. Of his own motion he fixed the date of the killing as "last week," as being near enough for newspaper purposes. Now the open season for deer expired on the 1st of November. So it came to pass that when the wise men read the Ledger they jumped stiff-legged at this item. A few paused long enough to think that there might be a joker behind it. They argued that no man in his right senses would send deer meat to the editor for complimentary notice and at the same time tell him it was killed out of season. Persons engaged in unlawful pursuits do not usually advertise themselves in that way. Besides this, the scene of the killing was laid in the neighborhood of Ham's station, and some were disposed to look suspiciously at it on that account.

There was a memorable cow-killing affair in that locality not long ago, and an equally memorable misfit law suit growing out of that transaction, which has not altogether faded from recollection. However, they concluded to run down that deer, and take the chances of being chased by the ghost of the cow, or stumbling over its carcass in the attempt. The fact that woke them to action more than anything else was the Ledger editor acknowledged having partaken of the meat, and the law says that any person having such in his possession between November and August is guilty of a misdemeanor. Why, the Ledger man was convicted out of his own mouth.

A meeting of the local fish and game association was called last Saturday evening to consider the weighty matters involved. It wouldn't do to let the thing default. It had been sent broadcast over the state that a piece of venison had been carried by the Ledger office. The matter was too flagrant to be overlooked. The editor was told by street tatters that he was to be arrested for violating the game law. No explanation was wanted, although it was easily obtainable. A vehicle was hired and the guardians of the game law hid away up the mountains on this sacred mission. Upon their return, the excitement had cooled down to zero.

The report was current on the street that this deer had been slaughtered in the expiring days of October, and the meat kept during the interval so as to make it more palatable. For this precious piece of information, which might have been suggested right here in Jackson, the county treasury will probably be called upon to dig up for costs.

Why grasp at the shadow, and miss the substance; looking at the letter rather than the spirit of the law.

DOCUMENTS RECORDED.

[The following instruments have been filed for record in the recorder's office since our last report. We publish a complete list of documents recorded, and accede to any request to suppress any document from these columns. Don't ask us to do so.]

Estate of John Boggs—Decree of partial distribution recorded; decree of superior court of Colusa county.

Frank Frates to A. P. Nichols and wife—Lot in Ione; \$725.

John J. Sullivan and wife to Thaddeus B. Beldner and wife—50 acres, 34-7-12; \$10.

Christen L. Kruger to Jacob Uhlin—Lot in Ione; \$10.

John Fullen and wife to J. K. Hoag—Land in Ione; 2-6-15; \$25.

Nicola Radovich to J. K. Hoag—SE 1/4 sec 11-6-11; \$5.

Louise E. Boggs et al to Catherine Botto—43 1/2 acres, 23-6-11; \$3000.

John Fullen to J. K. Hoag—Land in sec 12 and 13 of T. 12 N. 11 E. 300.

J. K. Hoag and wife to Catherine Botto—Land in sec 11 and 12, T. 6 R. 11, S. 10.

California Exploration Co. to Standard Electric Co.

Estate of Joseph Gregor—Decree of distribution recorded.

Newman Myles & Co. to Reuben A. Sawyer—Sawyer and Sunny South quartz mines, Volcano district, \$2,000, 8 per cent.

Richard Harris to J. W. Bowden—Lot 19 block 23 Sutter Creek, \$297, 2 years, 8 per cent.

E. Liddicott jr. to W. B. and J. H. Phillips, chattel mortgage of three horses, \$245.55, ten per cent.

SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE.

H. O. Clark to John Giannini.

A. E. Timms to Walton.

AGREEMENTS.

Catherine Botto to A. Caminetti, agreement to purchase about 600 acres in township 6 range 11, for \$3200, payable on or before Nov. 30, 1906, interest at 6 per cent.

MISCELLANEOUS.

E. J. Bevan to Geo. H. Brown, lease of 70 acres sec 31-8-11, \$40 per annum.

Henry D. Pelle to John H. Senn, assignment of one-half interest in U. S. patent for invention of a ratchet wrench, \$1.

PAPERS FILED.

T. K. Norman, as assignee of Penry & Moon—Affidavit of publication of notice to creditors, also affidavit of service of notice to creditors by mail.

MINING LOCATIONS, ETC.

Chas. Retzlaff, proof of labor on Charles place claim, Lancha Plana district.

W. T. Gillick et al, Gillick quartz claim, Volcano district, 1500x300 feet.

CERTIFICATES OF REDEMPTION.

Mrs. B. Chatty, 170 acres, 15-7-9, taxes of 1895, \$105.08.

Frank Perano, lots 8 and 9 block 11, Sutter Creek, taxes of 1901-3, \$20.94.

Lawrence Burke, house in Plymouth, taxes of 1881, \$15.39.

H. G. Murray, part of lot 38 block 22 Sutter Creek, taxes of 1897, \$25.20.

The Sacramento Weekly Record Union and Ledger for one year, only \$2.50 in advance.

FRANK FRATES' ESTATE.

Decision of the Court.

Judge Rust has rendered his decision in the contest for the administration of the estate of Frank Frates as follows:

W. A. Bennetts, guardian of the person and estate of Frank Edward Frates, a minor, son of deceased, filed a petition for letters of administration upon the estate of said deceased, and Geo. M. Huberty, public administrator of Amador county, filed a petition for letters of administration to be issued thereon to himself as such public administrator. The two petitions were heard together, and after argument the matter was submitted to the court for decision.

Sec. 1365 code of civil procedure provides as follows: "Administration of the estate of a person dying intestate must be granted to some one or more persons hereinafter mentioned; the relatives of the deceased being entitled to administer only when they are entitled to succeed to his personal estate, or some portion thereof, and they are respectively entitled thereto in the following order: 1. The surviving husband or wife; 2. the children; 3. the public administrator."

Sec. 1368 code of civil procedure provides that in the event of no administrator is a minor or an incompetent person, letters must be granted to his or her guardian, or any other person entitled to letters of administration, in the discretion of the court.

If this language means anything, it means that the court is clothed with legal discretion to appoint whichever of the petitioners it deems for the best interests of the estate; and this conclusion is strengthened by our supreme court, in re McLaughlin, 103 Cal. 429, where the court at the end of the decision states that the trial court properly exercised its discretion in the appointment of the guardian of the incompetent.

In the amended petition, or last petition filed by the guardian of the minor, I find the following:

"Said deceased at the time of his death also claimed certain real property situated in the counties of Monterey and Alameda, and in the city and county of San Francisco, state of California, title to which is vested in the estate of Mary Frances Frates, deceased."

Judgment roll No. 1033 of this superior court shows a decree duly given and made by this court on the 30th day of October, 1902, adjudging and decreeing that this property was the property of Frank Frates, then alive, but now deceased, and directing the administrator of the estate of Mary Frances Frates, deceased, to execute the necessary and proper conveyances thereof to said Frank Frates, then in his lifetime. The judgment and decree is still in full force and effect.

The petition of the public administrator claims this property to be a part of the assets of the estate of the said Frank Frates, deceased.

It is the duty of the administrator of an estate to marshal the assets of the estate for the purpose of paying the expenses of last illness, funeral charges, and expenses of administration, and dividing the residue among the legal heirs of the deceased in their just proportions; and it does not seem that he could do this while coming into court with the confession upon his lips that the bulk of the property of the estate did not belong to the estate, but the legal title was in the estate of some one else. It would seem that if such is really his belief, that he could best protect the interests of his ward by not applying for letters, otherwise there would arise a clash between the creditors of the deceased and the minor heirs.

I am therefore of the opinion that the interests of the estate of said deceased, Frank Frates, will be best subserved by the appointment of the public administrator to be administrator of his estate.

The law throws more safeguards around the public administrator than any other. It provides not only that he shall be responsible upon his bond, but will forfeit his office for failure to perform the duties of his office. It provides where he shall deposit the moneys of deceased and said estate, and that it shall only be drawn out upon order of court; and then in addition, he is entirely disinterested, and will surely care for the interests of all concerned in the probate of this estate.

Counsel for the public administrator will prepare an order accordingly, appointing said George M. Huberty, as public administrator, administrator of the estate of said Frank Frates, deceased.

R. C. RUST, Judge.

The court thereupon ordered that letters of administration be issued to Geo. M. Huberty as public administrator, and that W. A. Bennetts, special administrator, forthwith give into the possession of said Geo. M. Huberty all property now in his possession or under his control belonging to said estate; and that said Bennetts file his final account within ten days.

We are informed that an appeal from this order will be taken by the guardian to the supreme court.

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Good Show Tonight.

The entire opera of "Ala Baba" or the forty thieves in five scenes just as it is played on the stage will be reproduced on 240 square feet of canvas at Jackson opera house Friday and Saturday nights, Dec. 4th and 5th, with Edison's new and exciting Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. There will also be an exciting lion and bull fight in which the lion is killed, and many of the latest comical representations.

This play is spoken of very highly by the papers of Yreka, Redding, Eureka, Bluff, Marysville, Placerville, and many of the northern towns where they have been in the past three weeks. Admission 50c, children 25c. Performance begins at 8:15.

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MINING NOTES.

ONEIDA.—It is pleasing to be able to report that the outlook for this mine continues to be of the most flattering character. Last month's run, like several previous monthly outputs, left a substantial balance over running expenses. The company has accumulated a large surplus in its treasury, and the payment of dividends is looked for in the near future.

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A Poet's Pastime.
It was not only a boy that Words-
worth,
Shod with steel, hissed along the polished
ice.

He was a skater of skill in his man-
hood. "A girl skater; noan better in
these parts," was the testimony of a
Dales man, quoted by Canon Rawns-
ley in his "Lake Country Sketches."

On one occasion the poet went by
himself to figure a bit upon the White
Moss tarn, and a man sent a boy to
sweep the snow from the ice for him.
When the boy returned from his labor,
the man asked:

"Well, did Mr. Wordsworth gle y
owt?"

"Nay," rejoined the boy, with a grin
of content from ear to ear. "I seed
him tumble tho'."

But the lad, who had thought the
tumble a fair equivalent for a tip, had
been much impressed by the quiet way
in which Wordsworth had borne his
fall. His skate had caught in a stone
when he was in full swing, and he
came down with a crash.

"He didn't swear nor say nowt," said
the boy, "but he just got up an' said,
'Eh, boy, that was a bad fall, wasn't
it?'"

An Impudent Indorsement.
During one of his busy reception
hours, when President Lincoln was
talking first to one, then to another,
of the many who filled the room in the
White House, a gentleman asked if any
news had been received from John Mor-
gan, whose Confederate cavalry were
raiding Kentucky and Ohio.

"We'll catch John some of these
days," replied Lincoln. "I admire him,
for he is a bold operator. He always
goes after the mail trains in order to
get information from Washington. On
his last raid he opened some mail bags
and took possession of the official cor-
respondence.

"One letter was from the war depart-
ment to a lieutenant in Grant's army.
It contained a captain's commission for
him. Right under the signature of A.
Lincoln the audacious Morgan wrote,
'Approved, John Morgan,' and sent the
commission on its way. So there is one
officer in our army whose commission
bears my signature with the approval
of that dardevil rebel raider."

Lovely Disraeli.
Disraeli once told a lady that two
possessions which were indispensable
to other people he had always done
without. "I made," she said, "every
kind of conjecture, but without suc-
cess, and on my asking him to en-
lighten me he solemnly answered that
they were a watch and an umbrella.
'But how do you manage,' I asked, 'if
there happens to be no clock in the
room and you want to know the time?'
'I ring for a servant,' was the magni-
ficient reply. 'Well,' I continued, 'and
what about the umbrella? What do
you do, for instance, if you are in the
park and are caught in a sudden shower?
'I take refuge,' he replied with a
smile of excessive gallantry, 'under
the umbrella of the first pretty woman
I meet.'"

Two Standards.
One of the strangest illustrations of
the ups and downs of fortune comes
from Paris.

A rich Parisian banker became re-
duced through unlucky investments to
the sum of 10,000 francs. That amount
was poverty to him, and overwhelmed
by his loss and the hopelessness of the
situation, he committed suicide.

The 10,000 francs then fell to his
brother, who had been for years a pau-
per, estranged from his family. But
to him such a sum represented incred-
ible riches, and his reason was over-
thrown. In a moment of delirium he
jumped into the Seine and was drown-
ed.

Where He Was Going.
"There was a Scot," said an Engli-
shman, "who owned a fine orchard sur-
rounded by a hedge. One day as he en-
tered this orchard he saw a neighbor
of his creeping on hands and knees
through the hedge so as to steal some
fruit.

"Sawney, hoot, hoot, mon!" exclaimed
the Scot reproachfully, 'whaur are
ye gaunin'?"

"The discreet Sawney answered:
'Bock agen.'"

Jim Lane's Advice to Recruits.
During the civil war a lot of young
fellows at Oskaloosa wanted to enlist
in the cavalry. Jim Lane told them
they would make a mistake if they
joined a "hoss" regiment. "I tell you,
boys," he said, "it will cost you a hoss
apiece to join the cavalry. As infan-
trymen you will be ordered to Missouri,
and you can ride one horse and lead
another when you come back."—Atch-
son Globe.

Discreet.
Mrs. Dove-Henry, I think you are
positively cruel! Here I've tried so
hard to cook you a nice dinner, and
you haven't had a word to say to me
about it.

Mr. Dove-Darling, I love you too
much for that. If I'd said what I
thought, you'd never speak to me
again.—Boston Transcript.

His Boy's Vocation.
Hiram—"That oldest boy of Zeke's is goin'
to hev him learn farmin'."

David—"Guess not. The boy told me
he was goin' to be a druggist."

Hiram—"Well, he ain't. Zeke said
this mornin' he was goin' to hev him
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**LITTLE
LAD**
By M.
LOUISE
CUMMINS

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Jean Lindsay passed down the long
hospital ward with firm, quiet step.
The blue gingham and ample white
apron of her nurse's dress hung in
loose folds around the tall, gracious
figure. The spotless bands at wrists
and neck only served to show up the
fine whiteness of her skin. Her snowy
cap rested on thick waves of bronze
hair.

Dexter Garst drew back into the cor-
ridor and, watching her, wondered if
the time would ever come when he
could see her move thus toward him
and not find his whole being stirred to
its very center.

The day, nearly a year before, when
he had laid his heart at her feet was
like a badly healed scar in the doctor's
life. It had apparently passed out of
her recollection.

She gave him her hand with a smile
of good comradeship, and together
they made their usual morning round
of the ward. Near an empty cot at the
end she paused.

"Little Lad is sitting up," she said,
smiling with the triumph of one who
had won a hard battle and led the way
outside.

By a sunny window he sat in his
wheel chair, a little figure even for
eight years, in the loose hospital suit
of gray flannel. The doctor himself
had brought him there nearly three
months before, a shapeless bundle. He
had been plucked from under a horse's
hoofs in the street. No one seemed to
want to lay any special claim to him,
and yet he was undoubtedly the child
of refined parents.

For weeks Garst and Jean Lindsay
had fought with death for this one
small and apparently superfluous life.
There were times when the doctor gave
up hope, and nothing but the strength
of inherent motherhood in the woman
seemed to keep the child alive.

"How is the little lad?" the doctor
would ask as he entered the ward
morning after morning, and "Little
Lad" he became to every one in the
hospital.

He took a feeble hold on life again
his whole starved little heart went out
and laid hold on these two people, his
doctor and nurse, with a mightiness of
love which almost hurt him at times.
He would lie in his cot and, watching
the doctor while he made his rounds,
think that he must be very like the
man, about whom Nurse Lindsay had
told him, who once lived upon the
earth and healed all the sick people
and loved little children. It never oc-
curred to him to associate the beau-
tiful story with the name he had so of-
ten heard in blasphemy in the street.
But he looked at his own doctor and
felt that it must be true.

A light might suddenly have been
turned on inside the small body, so
swift was the radiance which flooded
his face as Jean and her companion
came in sight. Garst sat down near
the wheel chair and, taking one small
hand, beat it softly against his broad
open palm.

"Next week," he said, "I am going
to run away into the country with
Little Lad for a few days before—be-
fore I go abroad."

Jean Lindsay could not quite conceal
the start his words gave her, but she
held her voice steady.

"Then the long contemplated course
at Bonn is to be an accomplished fact
after all," she said.

"Yes," the doctor did not raise his
eyes.

Little Lad had looked from one to
the other in vague bewilderment.

"But, first of all," Garst went on,
"Little Lad and I will have perhaps a
whole week at a splendid place I know
of, where there are tall pine trees and
a big lake."

He was watching the boy's face and
saw how the delight which his words
called up became slowly clouded.

"Will she come too?" He motioned
with his hand toward the nurse.

Garst remained silent. The child
turned to Jean.

"Won't you come, too?" he pleaded.

He read the negation in her face
even before she slowly shook her head
and turned toward the doctor.

"Make her come! Make her come,
too!" he begged passionately.

Jean stooped hurriedly and, putting
back the damp